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August 18, 2020

By E-mail

The Honorable Lois Bloom  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Application is granted.  
SO ORDERED.  
8/18/20  
s/Lois Bloom

Re: United States v. Christopher Chierchio, et al.  
Criminal Docket No. 20-306 (NGG)

Dear Judge Bloom:

The government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court order that the above-captioned matter and indictment be unsealed as to all four defendants: Christopher Chierchio, Jason Kurland, Francesco Russo and Francis Smookler.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

cc: Clerk of Court (by ECF)  
Defense Counsel of Record, Esq. (by ECF)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

CHRISTOPHER CHIERCHIO, et al.

Defendants.

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Upon the application of SETH D. DUCHARME, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, by Assistant United States Attorney Lindsay K. Gerdes, for an order unsealing the indictment and above-captioned case as to all four defendants: Christopher Chierchio, Jason Kurland, Francesco Russo and Francis Smookler.

WHEREFORE, it is ordered that the indictment and case be unsealed as to all four defendants.

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Dated: August 18, 2020  
Brooklyn, New York

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HONORABLE LOIS BLOOM  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK